12/27/75

Mr. Ma rtin Waldron
News Room
New York Times
229 W 43 St.,
New York, N.Y. 10036

Dear Mo,

Well, it is after Xmas, I'm hanging loose and wondering how long I'll be able to, want to or have to because of what will or will not happen.

There is some news I'd like you to have when you get to work Monday. Not earthe shaing but relevant to what I believe is affor and is designed, predetermined.

Therem were contemporaneous momoradna made at the time O'Connor offered Ray a deal in 1970. John, after I told him of this based on Ray's discussion of it with me some time later. spoke to O'Connor. He then told me what O'Connor told him. I pointed out parts just could not be true but John seems never to have reacted to official untruth. I pointed out other parts made no sense, served no purpose or were impossible.

It is before daylight. I've not reformed completely. In the mail in which this leaves I should have a copy of what was then recorded. I understated what I told John. Bud could not have and did not initiate this. Anybody who knows Ray and his sttitudes would know he also would not have. Ray was suspicious of even the relaying of the offer, which is where I came in and how I know. At this stage and with what I have seen, heard, know about and believe I have ample reason to suspect I'm not giving sources or all the details. I'll add two to what I've probably told you and did tell John, details I did not know: it was approved by Mitchell, according to these papers, and Ray's response was exactly what he told me it was.

Jim and I work in our own way. We have evolved it over the years as we've faced many problems with no help. We have taken steps to obtain other relevant information. Whether or not the Times has I have no way of knowing. I think that one reason we get as much as we do, ~~xxxx~~ lacking power like that of the Times behinf us, is the way we do it. And what we do. Time will tell. I am aware that finking writers may become the beneficiaries of partial leaks as a consequence. I've l earned to live with this. Shame on them if they do.

There has been another change. Another paper has developed an interest. I have no reason to expect dishonest treatment from it or its going off on tangeants to distort. I will make available to it what I promised you exclusively and by the time this reporter is ready perhaps more. This is what John and the rest of that crew refused to look at. Knowing editors' hangups on assassinations I permit myself no predictions. But as I told you, with honest treatment it can be enough to break the case open. That story cannot appears until after the CBS "special," now scheduled for a week from last night.

This relates to what I first offered you, not the Invaders' angle. I'm working on that in a way papers won't. It relates to the substance of the evidence.

"After Xmas" is an indefinite time. As of now the only time I know I'll be away is to make a speech the 15th. I'll be back the 16th. I may hear from the doctor that he wants to see me before then because the last blood test showed the level or anti-coagulent had to be increased.

All sorts of crazy things are going on but there is little I can do about them.

When the Times series appears I'd appreciate a set of clips from the final edition. The first one gets here - when it does come. And I can't make the trip to the newsstand.

Best regards,